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Roberto Rodriguez, Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
SDWA/FIFRA Enforcement Office
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105-3901

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Your letter dated August 25, 2017, communicates: (1) concerns regarding the groundwater quality serving the Owyhee and Newtown public water systems (PWSs), and (2) recommendations to sample and analyze those wells. In response to your recommendations, the Bureau of Indian Affairs obtained analysis results for the constituents referenced in your letter. The below listed reports (copies enclosed) for the requested Owyhee and Newtown PWSs provide analysis results for these systems.

1. Laboratory Analysis Report, Analytical Laboratories Inc., dated January 3, 2018
2. Laboratory Analysis Report, Analytical Laboratories Inc., dated May 2, 2017
3. Public Water System, Consumer Confidence Report, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley (Tribes), dated June 15, 2017

Although the Newtown PWS consists of two well sources (Northwell and Southwell), one water sample is collected because these wells merge to provide one water source. Additionally, since the Thomas Loop Well is not being used by the Tribes, and since this well is downstream of Owyhee Well 2, this well was not sampled.

The information provided indicates that these PWSs are not affected by the petroleum contamination of groundwater in the community of Owyhee, Nevada.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision, in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on any inquiry of the person or persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-379-3723, Ext 1255, or john.krause@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Krause". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Krause" clearly distinguishable.

Regional Environmental Scientist

Enclosures

cc: Hillary Hecht (ENF 3-3), EPA Region 9
Timothy W. Jones, Director, Environmental Protection Program, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley
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Joseph McDade, Superintendent, Eastern Nevada Agency
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